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Afghanistan Section for Public Inquiries

The United States was shocked and dismayed at the way in which the Afghan Government handled the incident which led to the death of Ambassador Dubs in Kabul. We have protested in the strongest terms to that Government on several occasions.

We have also recently announced a severe reduction in our economic assistance program in Afghanistan during the fiscal years 1979 and 1980 and the termination of the military training program we had planned. These decisions were the result of our ongoing review of our relations with Afghanistan and the policies of the Afghan Government and took into account the circumstances surrounding the death of the Ambassador.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: NEA - Room 6244

The President has personally requested that his mail be answered within nine working days. The Correspondence Management Division (PA/PC/CM) has received White House mail on a subject area under your jurisdiction for which it will need standard language. Please provide that division with responsive language cleared at the Deputy Assistant Secretary level within three working days.

If you have any questions or encounter more than a three-day delay, please contact the officer listed below.

To assist you in developing appropriate language, we have attached xerox copies of typical letters we received on this issue. You need not answer or return them.

Thank you for your expeditious response to this request.

Hodding Carter III
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Assistant Secretary
for Public Affairs and
Department Spokesman

SUBJECT The U.S. response to the Iranian takeover of our
Embassy in Tehran and to the killing of Ambassador Dubs.

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President James Carter
President of The United States
The Whitehouse
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

Today it has been reported over national TV that the new Iranian government announced the summary execution of many former officials connected with the former obviously recognized government of Iran. This report was accompanied by a report that man pictures had been taken of the persons executed by order of Komeini. Also it was reported at this same TV news report that The United States announced today that it had formally regognized the new Kohmeini government.

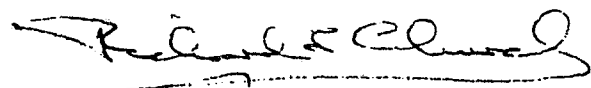
It is very difficult for me to understand how it is in keeping with the claimed deep commitment of your office to tie our actions with other nations to their practices on human rights, by recognizing a government that has taken power by mob action under arms against a government with which we have had exceedingly friendly relations for many years, a government in fact which we exerted a great deal of effort to place in power.

At this point it is certainly open to question as to just what percentage of the people who took part in this take-over were motivated by external influence by the Soviet Union.

I would appreciate hearing from you on the reasons for the great hurry to recognize an avowedly unfriendly new government that has made clear it wants us OUT, that has started off by claiming power thru violence, has executed without normal court trials, many officials of a long time friendly power, when it appears that certainly much assistance to the take-over has been accomplished at the behest, if not the direct orders of a country well recognized as inhuman in its treatment of individual liberties.

I am completely bewildered

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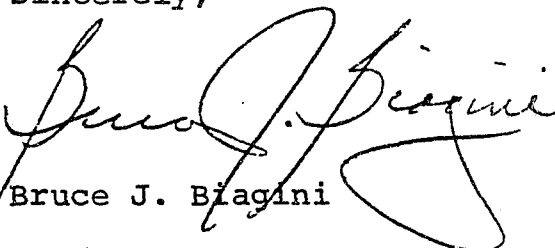
FEB 27 1979

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

It is a disgrace when two American embassies are over-
run in one day. It is obvious that your vacillating
foreign policy is greatly responsible. When will we
start acting like a super power--or aren't we one any
more?

Sincerely,



Bruce J. Biagini

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February 19th 1979

President Jimmy Carter
THE WHITE HOUSE
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

I am rather confident that this letter will never reach you and if even commented upon, will be done so by one of your numerous assistants, however I want to comment upon the Iranian situation, the murder of an American Ambassador and our total and complete lack of meaningful reaction.

Mr. President, I don't know what it takes for our government to act, nor do I understand why you Sir, will protest such actions when protests are as worthless as the paper upon which they are transmitted. I am sick and tired of our great nation being the dog wagged by the tail and feel the time has come for us to regain the stature and respect which in my opinion we simply do not have.

How dare we not interfere militarily when our Embassy in Iran is attacked, how dare Ambassador Sullivan, according to published reports "orders" the Marines to hold their fire and wait for the protection of the new Iranian "Government". Why do we only protest the murder of the Ambassador to Afghanistan instead of doing that which we are capable of.

I am fully aware Mr. President that as a major world power we cannot act as does Israel when her citizens are in danger or can we?

Where Mr. President does it end, when does our great nation finally say we don't like the taste of "crow" anymore.

I am not a politician but a successful businessman fortunately not in the political scene, but Sir, I know many businessmen that can and would do one heck of a good job that our government seems unable to do.

Stephen P. Karpf
President

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President, James Carter
The White House
Washington D.C.

Feb 17, 1979

Dear Mr President;

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I am absolutely infuriated that an American Ambassador would surrender a U.S. Embassy - U.S. Marines and all, to a group of cut-throat rebels in Teheran.

Does this country have no pride left? Are we so confused about our own place in this world that American citizens are safe nowhere? I was absolutely beside myself when I read that our Ambassador stated: "The Khomeini group arrived in the nick of time to save us" - this referring to the attack by rebel gangs. Just why the hell did he have to thank the Khomeine gang - and you know as well as I that that is exactly what they are right now. Where were we? Why did he not ask the U.S. Government for help? Was he affraid that his embassy would be the Pueblo of the east?

Mr. President, I do want to support you, but I swear unless you get your head out of the sand our countrys' indecision will cause more problems than it will solve.

Maybe we have too many politicians running our government - and not enough clear thinking citizens. I know this much, Mr. President, were I running our Embassies, not one nation on the face of this earth would lay a finger on an American citizen - and you can bank on that.

Mr. President I would like you to answer me personally, and not through some form letter composed by an aide. Why? Why, this disgraceful lack of decision on our behalf? Nice guy or not - will you fire this ambassador? More importantly, will you clear things up so that in the future an American ambassador wll not have to run to a group of thugs for assistance?

I'm just an ordinary citizen but I think you owe me and millions of others like me an answer - and a solution so that this type of thing never happens again.

Sincerely

Paul J. Walkowski
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